

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
GREAT FALLS DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**NEWTON JAMES CANTRELL, SR.,**

**Defendant.**

**CR 03-27-GF-BMM**

**ORDER**

**INTRODUCTION**

Defendant Newton James Cantrell, Sr., has been in custody in connection with his drug-related offenses since March 6, 2003. The Court sentenced Cantrell on December 10, 2003, to 330 months imprisonment for marijuana and methamphetamine drug charges in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846 and 841. (Doc. 343.) The Court further sentenced Cantrell to 60 months imprisonment, consecutive, for possession of a firearm in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(c). His total sentence amounts to 390 months imprisonment, followed by five years' supervised release. (*Id.*) Cantrell's release date from the Bureau of Prisons presently is set for February 24, 2027.

Cantrell currently receives medical care at Federal Medical Center Rochester. Cantrell has been diagnosed with a variety of medical conditions, which are related to the aging process. A number of these conditions are chronic. Cantrell is 80 years

old. As a result of his physical health problems, Cantrell moves the Court to reduce his sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A)(I). (Docs. 610 & 611.)

### **DISCUSSION**

A defendant may move for a sentence reduction pursuant to Section 3582(c)(1) after he has exhausted fully “all administrative rights to appeal a failure of the Bureau of Prisons to bring a motion on the defendant’s behalf or the lapse of 30 days from the receipt of such a request by the warden of the defendant’s facility, whichever is earlier.” 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A). The Court may modify a defendant’s term of imprisonment, in pertinent part, if the Court determines that “extraordinary and compelling reasons warrant such a reduction” once the defendant has been deemed to have satisfied Section 3582(c)’s exhaustion requirement. Section 3582(c) requires the Court to consider Section 3553(a) factors to the extent they are applicable before granting a defendant’s motion to reduce sentence. 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A).

Cantrell moved the Court to reduce his sentence on July 18, 2019. (Doc. 610.) The government filed a motion to stay Cantrell’s motion for 90 days so the Bureau of Prisons may continue its administrative review of Cantrell’s motion for sentence reduction/compassionate release. (Doc. 614). The Court granted the government’s motion to stay on September 3, 2019. (Doc. 624.) The government requested an additional 30 days on October 17, 2019, so the Bureau of Prisons may develop a

release plan for Cantrell. (Doc. 626.) The Court granted the government's request for an additional 30-day stay. (Doc. 627.) On November 20, 2019, the Court held a status conference. The government agreed Cantrell qualified for release pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(1)(A) at the status conference.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. Cantrell's Motion to Reduce Sentence (Doc. 610) is **GRANTED**.
2. Defendant Newton James Cantrell, Sr., United States Marshals number 07748-046, is **RELEASED** from his term of imprisonment to his term of supervised release. The United States shall take any appropriate steps to ensure the Bureau of Prisons executes this Order promptly and in compliance with 18 U.S.C. § 3624(d). Namely, Cantrell shall be released from the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons as soon as a release plan is implemented and travel arrangements can be made.
3. The United States Probation Office shall assist the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Cantrell in developing a release plan to include suitable housing for Cantrell.
4. Upon his release from the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Defendant Newton James Cantrell, Sr., shall begin serving his five-year term of supervised release previously imposed. Cantrell must report within 72 hours of his release to the probation office in the district in which he is released.

5. The Clerk of Court shall provide a copy of this Order to the United States Marshals Service for the District of Montana, the United States Probation Office for the District of Montana, and the United States Bureau of Prisons.

DATED this 21st day of November, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian Morris". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

Brian Morris  
United States District Court Judge